Dear George, Rennar

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Well, fear has finally gotten me to start working my ass off for prelims, and I will be busy for the next month. (They are the week of Sept. 22-26)
On Lifton I made it clear that he used only the vague type of reference (i.e. the guys in SF) that he did with me to increase his credibility, not that of his theories.

Enclosed are the only references to Garrettthearchives has. Read them carefully, observe the dates, the number of the pages (which may or may not be significant), and reflect on how the FBI failed to investigate an obvious suspect, even after they learned that his alleged alibi was false. For bevity, of course, these reports rival the Wall reports from New Orleans. [By the way, on pages, try switching 101 with 102, which will put them into what I assume is the correct chronological order, and the thing becomes even more damning.] Perhaps the most fascinating item here is the wife's contacting the FBI upon her husband's death...oh well, just a bit out of the ordinary! If and when I get to Texas, I hope to follow this up a bit. As usual, when I discovered this, I would have investigated accept for that little problem of time and money.

Good luck on checking the Naval stuff. I would greatly appreciate what you find out. I went through the ONI stuff some time ago and found a number of weird things. The basic problem we always face is that of separating significant things from bureaucratic blundering and raddom incompetence--things which seem to run high in this case.

Jones Harris may not have dug the Nagell thing up, don'tforget. Kroman seems to have been as early as anyone. David Shoenbrun labeled him as a strange guy for me. He said that Jones calls him with big tips but Shoenbrun never knows what to make of them. He says that he is a crazy guy

The lobotomy was the high point of the Boxley stuff. I would love to know what both of them told Jim when they had him on the West Coast for a week, and how much of the Boxley stuff Turner went along with or added on his own. Turner has come up with some wild things for the sake of red herrings or convincing Jim of something.

Agreed on Kroman's tapping phones, and the possibility of some hidden income, but it does make him an unusual guy. His major role in the American Allied scandal, and its affects on Minnesota politics including HHH are not to be overlooked either. He was, in many ways, the key person. Several who have studied the trial have completely agreed with my conclusions and observations on this score, although they have no knowledge of Kroman, so this is more than just my bias. Kroman's big thing on the West Coast (accomplished with at least one, and probably more associate as both David Kroman and Don Olson was a reasonable sized project with little visible gain for Kroman since he avoided publicity and didn't ask money.

Agreed that it doesn't matter now whether Boxley is a nut or agent, but the same does not hold true for Turner. I follow the distinction you make between those who claim to have eyewitness info and those who pass it on. My big concern in this regard with special reference to Turner is amount and degree. If his judgment is that bad and if he feels an impulse to do the type of investigating and theorizing that he did, and the pushing of Jim in those directions which he did (arrest of Crisman, Bradley, Hall, Howard, etc. etc.; running for President) then he is a serious danger to any group seeking the truth, and it is a shame that the government gets his services for free. What really fascinates me, by the way, is the manner in which he carefully disengaged himself from Garrison after the Shaw trial--something which camouflages his role in the investigation and his oft-repeated views on the assassination.

Enclosed is a Mondale letter. Keep after Uncle Chester. Best wishes.

cc:Harold